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Florianopolis.—In regard to Florianopolis, the capital of the State of Santa Catharina, I can give you the following data, referring to the year 1898:

The population is estimated at 15,000. The number of children born alive was 338, of stillborn, 35; from that results a nativity of 24.86 per one hundred. There died 212 males, and 181 females, total 393 persons; *i. e.*, a mortality of 26.2 per cent.

The principal diseases and the number of their victims were as follows: Aortitis, 12; athrepsy, 24; beriberi, 8; congestion of brain, 8; infantile eclampsy, 10; entero-colitis, 23; typhoid fever, 19; gastro-enteritis, 11; hepatitis, 13; impaludism, 16; heart disease, 16; meningitis, 14; tuberculosis, 60.

Since last report the following named ships have been inspected and received bills of health of this office: September 1, bark *Julia Rollins*, American, for Baltimore. September 2, steamship *Hevelius*, Belgian, for New York; bark *Eudora*, British, for United States, via Barbados. September 4, steamship *Chicago*, American, for Barbados; steamship *Herschel*, British, for New Orleans. September 5, bark *Leanka*, British, for Pensacola. September 11, steamship *Biela*, British, for New York; steamship *Scottish Prince*, British, for New York. September 12, steamship *Livorno*, German, for New York. September 13, ship *Kings County*, British, for Ship Island. September 18, steamship *Newlyn of Newcastle*, British, for New York.

Respectfully, yours,

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The SURGEON-GENERAL,
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CANARY ISLANDS.

Teneriffe quarantines against Portugal.

CONSULATE OF THE UNITED STATES,
Teneriffe, September 18, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to report that a very rigid quarantine has been imposed in this port against vessels from Portugal and her possessions. * * *

Respectfully, yours,

SOLOMON BERLINER,
United States Consul

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

CHINA.

Reports from Hongkong.

HONGKONG, *September 7, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to hereby inform you that the plague situation is very much improved, the number of cases reported to the sanitary board showing that the epidemic is subsiding.

I inclose for your information an abstract showing the number of cases and deaths from plague reported to the board from January, 1899, to date. This probably represents about one-half of the cases actually occurring in the colony. Later, after more time for observation and investigation, I will respectfully submit a fuller report.

Respectfully, yours,

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